(c) and (d) To facilitate the promotion and development of micro and small enterprises (MSEs) and enhance their competitiveness, the Government announced a 'Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)' on 10 August 2005 which envisages public sector banks to fix their own targets for funding SMEs in order to achieve a minimum 20 per cent year-on-year growth in credit to the SME sector. The Government has also announced in February, 2007 a 'Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises' with an objective to provide support in areas of credit, technology upgradation, marketing, infrastructure etc. Further, the Government has enacted the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 which has come into force from 2nd October, 2006. The Government is also implementing various schemes/programmes relating to credit, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial/skill development, etc., for assisting the MSE sector in meeting the challenges. Some of the major schemes/programmes being implemented are Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Performance and Credit Rating Scheme, Cluster Development Programme, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme and Market Development Assistance Scheme. To promote the handicraft sector, the Government is implementing specific schemes including Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana, Marketing Support and Services Scheme, Design and Technological Upgradation, Research & Development and Human Resource Development.

Proposal to boost SMEs

817. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to boost small and medium enterprises and also to increase their competitiveness with better infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether under the existing Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS), Government proposes to set up hubs for various sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The promotion and development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and to enhance their competitiveness with better infrastructure are primarily the functions of the respective State Governments and UT Administrations. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts by providing supportive measures aiming to boost MSMEs through specific schemes, which, *inter alia,* include the scheme for assistance for technology upgradation, comprehensive need based development of clusters, accessing the markets, improved infrastructure, facilities for training and capacity building of entrepreneurs, etc. For setting up of industrial estates for micro and small enterprises and to develop infrastructure facilities like power distribution network, water, roads, etc., the Integrated Infrastructure Development

(IID) Scheme was launched in 1994. The scheme provides for Central grant upto Rs. 2 crore for each projects (Rs. 4 crore for NE Region, HP, J & K and Uttarakhand.)

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under the IIUS to set up hubs for various sectors as the scheme aims to enhance competitiveness of existing clusters by providing quality infrastructure under PPP approach.

Railway project in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†818. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations and railway lines to be set up/laid by Government in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) the specific steps Government would take to complete the old projects soon; and

(c) the action plan Government is formulating to complete the Guna-Itawah line pending since long and the amount spent on the same so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) 99 stations on 5 new lines in Madhya Pradesh and 6 stations on 1 new line in Chhattisgarh are proposed to be set up.

(b) The projects will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. Efforts are being made to generate additional funds through Public Private Partnership, State sharing and extra funds for National Projects for expediting progress of projects.

(c) The 308 km stretch from Guna to Bhind has already been completed. Work has been taken up on Bhind- Etawah section and contracts for all the important bridges finalized. The land acquisition in Madhya Pradesh is being perused. An expenditure of Rs. 405.27 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.03.2009. The work is likely to take about 2 years for completion.

Video/TV facilities in trains

819. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide Video/TV facilities in trains;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made in this regard;

(c) whether any comparative study, regarding such facilities by train service providers in other countries, have been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Broad guidelines have been issued to the Zonal Railways for installation of on board audio/video information

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